



The ISGA uses only **trained and certified referees** that have gone thru a **detailed referee certification** course. Also, to referee beginner competitors they must be at least a **Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu blue belt** or equivalent. To referee intermediate and advanced competitors the referee must be ranked **Purple, Brown or Black Belt** depending on the level of the competitors.

The Grappling Referee Certification Seminar was prepared by Michael Pancer, a 12 year plus grappling and Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu instructor. Mr. Pancer has training in Japanese Ju-Jitsu, Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, Bas Rutten no-gi fighting system, American Top Team certified instructor. The course was edited by Michael Piaser of the United States Ju-Jitsu Federation for clarity, completeness and possible publication through their worldwide branches.

To ensure the course is thorough, it covers the following:

## Goals

Referee Mission	Breaking Tournaments Rules
Officials to be in Place	Legal Submissions
Duties of the Referee	Attacks Below the Waist
Referee Commands – Summary of Hand Signals	Illegal Techniques
Scoring	Injuries
Advantages	Weight Class Brackets
Tie	Individual Ring Protocol

If you would like to become a referee in the ISGA and have the necessary background training, contact Michael Pancer at [grappling@kickusa.com](mailto:grappling@kickusa.com).